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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the previous listing of claims with the following listing of claims.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A method for manufacturing a set of strings for use with a musical instrument, comprising the steps of:

determining a plurality of sizes of the strings in the set;

selecting a plurality of colors for the strings in the set, a different color for each string; and
for each string,

drawing a core wire and a wrap wire each having a diameter size specific to the size of
that string,

coating only the wrap wire with an enamel having the color of that string,

winding the color-coated wrap wire around the core wire,

baking the joined wrap wire and core wire to form the string, and

allowing the string thus formed to cure;

whereby each string has its unique color and specific size.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of cleaning the
drawn core wire and wrap wire prior to coating of the wrap wire.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of preparing the
colored enamel by mixing a dye of the color of that string with polyester/polyurethane enamel.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the dye is mixed with the
polyester/polyurethane enamel is a proportion of 9 parts polyester/polyurethane enamel to 1 part dye.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of coating only the wrap wire
comprises the step of passing the wrap wire through a bath of the colored enamel.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of baking the joined wrap wire
and core wire comprises the steps of baking the joined wrap wire and core wire in an oven and selecting

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the temperature of the oven based on the color of the wrap wire and the material of the wrap wire and core wire.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) A set of strings for a musical string instrument, comprising:
at least four strings, each of said strings having a color different than the color of the other of said strings in said set and a size different than the size of the other of said strings in said set,
said strings being adapted to be mounted on the instrument to enable playing of the instrument by association of a colored note on a sheet of music to the colors of said strings.

9. (Original) The set of strings of claim 8, wherein each of said strings comprises an uncolored core wire and a wrap wire wrapped around said core wire, said wrap wire being colored to provide the color of said string.

10. (Original) The set of strings of claim 8, wherein each of said strings comprises an uncolored core wire, a first wrap wire wrapped around said core wire and a second wrap wire wrapped around said first wrap wire, said second wrap wire being colored to provide the color of said string.

11. (Original) The set of strings of claim 8, wherein each of said strings comprises an uncolored core wire, a first wrap wire wrapped around said core wire, a second wrap wire wrapped around said first wrap wire and a third wrap wire wrapped around said second wrap wire, said third wrap wire being colored to provide the color of said string.

12. (Original) The set of strings of claim 8, wherein said at least four strings comprises six strings.

13. (Currently Amended) An arrangement for learning to play a musical string instrument, comprising:

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a sheet of music to be played by the instrument having notes, each of the notes being colored a color different than the color of the other notes ~~[[set]]~~; and

a set of at least four strings, each of said strings in said set having a color different than the color of the other of said strings in said set and a size different than the size of the other of said strings in said set, the colors of said strings being the same as the colors of the notes,

whereby said strings are adapted to be mounted on the instrument to enable playing of the instrument by association of a colored note on said sheet of music to the colors of said strings.

14. (Original) The arrangement of claim 13, wherein each of said strings comprises an uncolored core wire and a wrap wire wrapped around said core wire, said wrap wire being colored to provide the color of said string.

15. (Original) The arrangement of claim 13, wherein each of said strings comprises an uncolored core wire, a first wrap wire wrapped around said core wire and a second wrap wire wrapped around said first wrap wire, said second wrap wire being colored to provide the color of said string.

16. (Original) The arrangement of claim 13, wherein each of said strings comprises an uncolored core wire, a first wrap wire wrapped around said core wire, a second wrap wire wrapped around said first wrap wire and a third wrap wire wrapped around said second wrap wire, said third wrap wire being colored to provide the color of said string.

17. (Currently Amended) The arrangement of claim 13, wherein said ~~at least four strings~~ set of strings comprises six strings.